



Department of Housing and Community Development

Affordable and Special Needs
Housing (ASNH)



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Guiding the Future: Input for Virginia's Consolidated Plan



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Today's Agenda

- I. **Getting to Know You** – Amy Fottrell; Policy Analyst
- II. **The Consolidated Planning Process** – Lyndsi Austin; Associate Director, Policy
- III. **Housing Needs Assessment** – Lyndsi Austin; Associate Director, Policy
- IV. **Federal Resources: HOME, NHTF, HOME-ARP** – Chloe Rote; Associate Director, ASNH
- V. **Your Thoughts on Affordable Housing Programs** – Chloe Rote; Associate Director, ASNH
- VI. **Comments, Questions, & Feedback!**



Practice: What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

- A. Chocolate
- B. Vanilla
- C. Strawberry
- D. Mint Chocolate Chip
- E. Cookies 'n crème
- F. Other
- G. No dairy for me!



What region of Virginia best describes where your organization is focused?

- A. Statewide
- B. Central
- C. Eastern
- D. Hampton Roads
- E. Northern
- F. Southside
- G. Southwest
- H. Valley
- I. West Central
- J. Other/Not Applicable





What type of organization do you represent?

- A. Local Government (HOME entitlement)
- B. Local Government (non- HOME entitlement)
- C. Housing Developer
- D. Housing Service Provider
- E. Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
- F. Other



What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement
- Every 5 years DHCD asks “What needs are present in Virginia?”
 - Affordable Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing
 - Non-Housing Community Development
- Every year DHCD submits an Annual Action Plan



Who completes the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan?

- Completed by the state or localities that receive funds directly from HUD
- DHCD completes the Virginia plan for these federal resources



What's included?

- A needs assessment, a strategic plan, and annual goals
- Focuses on housing, homelessness, and community development
- Includes public input and feedback from service providers, housing developers, other state agencies, localities and continua of care



DHCD is currently seeking input on:

- **2023 – 2028 Consolidated Plan**
- **First Annual Action Plan**
 - July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Covering the funds DHCD spends from:

- **HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)**
- **National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**



Virtual Input Sessions



Monday, January 30, 2023

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Focus: Community Development (CDBG)



Tuesday, January 31, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Focus: Housing Development (HOME, NHTF)



Wednesday, February 1, 2023

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Focus: Homeless Services (HOPWA, ESG)

Consolidated Plan Timeline

January – February
2023

Focused Input Sessions

April 14, 2023

Drafts Posted for Written Public Comments

- 2023 - 2028 Consolidated Plan
- First Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

April 21, 2023

Virtual Public Hearing

May 15, 2023

Public Comment Period Closes

May 18, 2023

DHCD Submits Plans to HUD



What is the focus of this Input Session?

- Primarily getting your thoughts on 'Eligible Uses' like:
 - **Homeownership opportunities**
 - **Production & preservation of rental units**
- Which Virginia funds through:
 - HOME
 - National Housing Trust Fund



How can you provide input?

Today's session, and then:

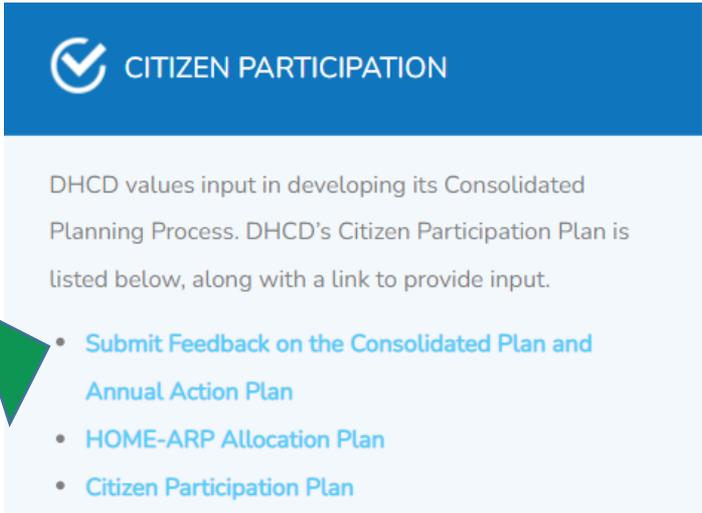
- Submit Written Comments (due by May 15, 2023)
 - Submit via email: catherine.farnsler@dhcd.virginia.gov
 - Online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan>
 - Scan the QR code to go submit comments
- Attend Public Hearing (Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am)
- Spread the word and encourage others to provide input!





Submitting Input Online

Go to [dhcd.Virginia.gov/consolidated-plan](https://dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan)



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

DHCD values input in developing its Consolidated Planning Process. DHCD's Citizen Participation Plan is listed below, along with a link to provide input.

- [Submit Feedback on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan](#)
- [HOME-ARP Allocation Plan](#)
- [Citizen Participation Plan](#)



Housing Needs Assessment



Key Findings

Needs Assessment Methodology:

- HUD asks DHCD to examine data from American Community Survey (ACS), the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other sources
- DHCD uses the data to understand the nature and extent of housing needs in Virginia
- These findings enable DHCD to inform HUD of the needs that the federal funding will be used to address

500,000+

households in Virginia are spending more than 30% of their income on housing

Most of those households have annual incomes below

\$64,492.00

Virginians with intellectual or developmental disabilities, serious mental illnesses, or who experience chronic homelessness have additional barriers to housing choice.

Based on Key Findings, past priorities were:



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Targeting funds to the lowest income households



ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

Targeting funds to projects with accessible or 'age-in-place' units

- Features like wider hallways, grab bars (Universal Design, ADA)



SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Increased funding to projects targeting 'special needs' housing

- Permanent, supportive housing with wraparound services
- Housing for older adults
- Housing for those exiting chronic homelessness



Priorities

Program requirements:

- Income targeting required by funding source
- HOME program requires
 - 15% funds go to CHDO developers
 - DHCD supports projects in localities without direct HOME funds
- Dept of Justice Settlement Agreement
 - DHCD must assist Virginia in providing increased, affordable housing choices to people with disabilities



Historic Goals

- **Increase the number of new affordable rental units in areas of opportunity**
- **Preserve existing affordable rental units in areas of opportunity**
- **Assist low-income homeowners with home improvements (rehab)**
- **Assist low to moderate income households to purchase their first home**
- **Increase the number of affordable units for special needs populations**



Federal Resources

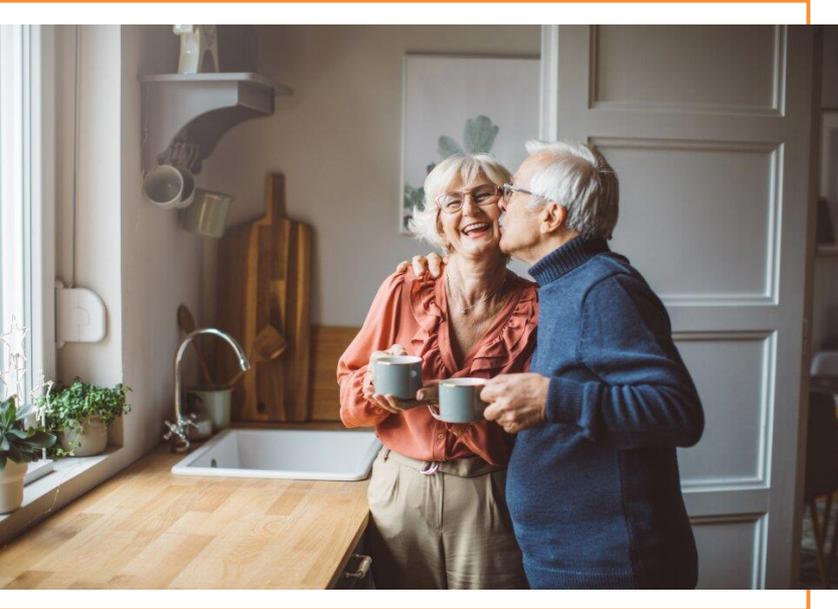
HOME Investment Partnerships Program

National Housing Trust Fund

HOME-ARP



HOME Investments Partnerships Program (HOME)



- Some funds to localities and the rest to DHCD
- Funds wide range of activities
- All activities help create affordable housing for low-income households
 - Rental Activities: 50-60% Area Median Income (AMI)
 - Homebuyer Activities: 80% AMI



National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

- Funds directly from HUD to the state agency DHCD
- Funds more limited activities than HOME
- Must use 80% of NHTF for rental housing kept affordable for 30 years
- Serves extremely or very low income households: 30% AMI





From 2018 to 2022, DHCD funded these Eligible Activities:

- Rehabilitation of houses already owned by low-income families
- Grants for down payments and closing costs
- Rental assistance payments that travel with a tenant family (TBRA)
- Operating costs and capacity-building for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
- Permanent financing on rental housing
 - This is the only National Housing Trust Fund activity funded



My organization has used HOME funds to:

- A. Develop rental housing
- B. Develop for-sale housing
- C. Develop rental AND for-sale housing
- D. Pay for closing costs or down payments on existing houses



My organization or community wants more HOME funds awarded to:

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- B. Develop for-sale housing
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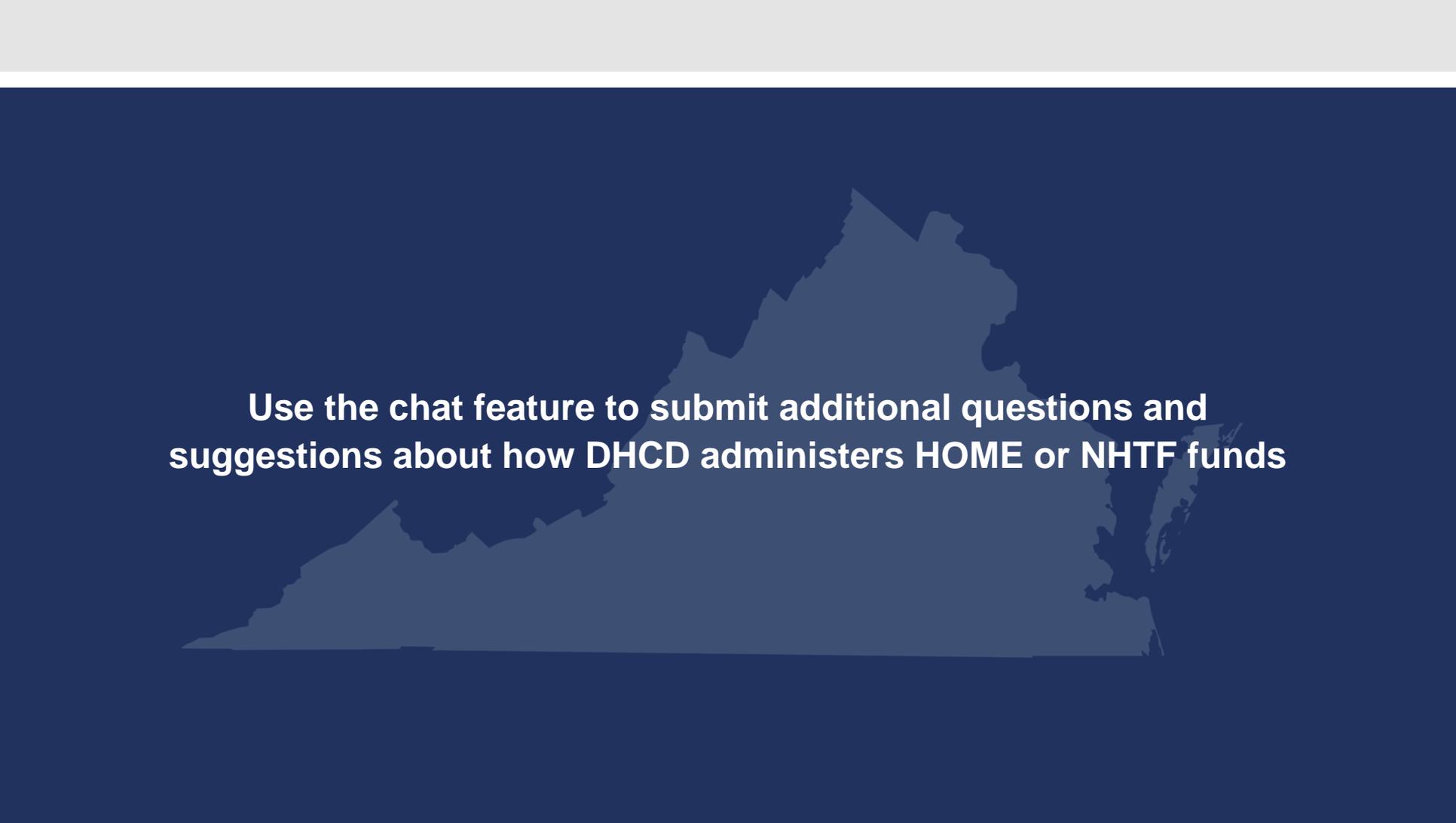
My organization currently awards down payment and closing cost grants, and our average award is:

- A. Up to \$5,000
- B. \$5,000 to \$15,000
- C. \$15,000 to \$25,000
- D. \$25,000 to \$40,000
- E. More than \$40,000



My organization currently uses funds for housing development, and our average need per project is:

- A. Up to \$500,000
- B. \$500,000 to \$1,000,000
- C. \$1M to \$2M
- D. \$2M to \$3M
- E. \$3,000,000 +



Use the chat feature to submit additional questions and suggestions about how DHCD administers HOME or NHTF funds



New Federal Resources

HOME-ARP



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HOME FUNDS (HOME-ARP)



- Development of new rental housing units
- Rental assistance made available to households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless

If you did not provide comments in the previous series of consultations or comment periods, please share brief ideas or questions in the chat



Thank you for participating in today's virtual input session!

Interested in providing additional feedback?

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